and putting the construction work into execution. The whole difficulty is that the Mysore Government have not yet signed the agreement.''

Sri V. CHIDANANDAM :—'' May I ask, Sir, whether power will be supplied to the eastern taluks of Cuddapah district? ''

The Hon. Sri N. RANGA REDDI :—'' Sir, the Tungabhadra Scheme is expected to supply power to all the Ceded districts.''

Sri G. SIVASANKARA REDDI :—'' Sir, is all the energy contracted for, for Rayalaseema being used up now? If not, why? ''

The Hon. Sri N. RANGA REDDI :—'' 4,000 K.Ws. have been contracted for but only 3,000 K.Ws. are being used up. The rest is not used up because some schemes which have been sanctioned have not yet been implemented.''

Sri K. C. GOPALAN UNNI :—''മലബാറിലെ വടക്കൻ താലൂക്കുകളിലേക്ക ഇതുകൊണ്ടു ഉപയോഗമുണ്ടോ എന്നു മന്ത്രി പറയുമോ?''

The Hon. Sri N. RANGA REDDI :—'' Notice, Sir.''

Grant of interest-free loans to fishermen.

* 84 *Q.*—Sri PRAGADA KOTAIAH : Will the Hon. the Minister for Co-operation be pleased to state whether the Government have received representations from the organizations of fishermen in Andhra requesting the Government to help the fishermen by granting interest-free loans towards share capital for the purpose of forming into co-operatives and the action taken thereon by the Government?

The Hon. Sri D. SANJIVAYYA :—'' Yes. One representation was received from the Andhra Provincial Fishermen Congress. The Government, however, consider that as the share capital of a member of a co-operative society is his stake in the society and ensures his loyalty towards the institution, it should be paid by him from out of his savings.''

Sri G. C. KONDAYYA :—'' May I know, Sir, whether in view of the distressed condition of the fishermen all over the State, the Government would consider the desirability of making interest-free loans towards share capital? ''

The Hon. Sri D. SANJIVAYYA :—'' Sir, I have already answered it. If the question is with regard to any other aid or grant to be given apart from the share capital, the Government would certainly consider it.''

Sri A. GOVINDASAMI NAYAGAR :—''தமிழ் நாட்டிலுள்ள மீன் பிடிப்பவர்களுக்கு இந்தச் சலுகை கொடுக்கப்படுமா என்று நான் கேட்கிறேன்?''

The Hon. Sri D. SANJIVAYYA :—'' Notice, Sir.''

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Sri K. Rajagopala Rao :—" చేపలు సరిగ్గా దొరక్కపోవడంవల్ల కొన్ని సొసైటీలలో సకాలములో అప్పులు తీర్చలేకపోతున్నారు. అలాంటివాళ్లకు మరి ఒక సంవత్సరము వ్యవధి ఇప్పించాలని విజ్ఞప్తులు వచ్చాయి. అలా వ్యవధి యివ్వడానికి ప్రభుత్వము అంగీకరిస్తుందా? "

The Hon. Sri D. Sanjivayya :—" అలాంటి విజ్ఞప్తులు వచ్చినట్లు నాకు తెలియదు. వచ్చివుంటే తప్పకుండా చూస్తాను."

Sri T. Viswanatham :—" Sir, are the Government aware that there are several places where fishermen are unable to join the co-operative societies for want of funds to contribute towards share capital? Will the Government make some arrangements for the easy supply of yarn to fishermen for their nets."

The Hon. Sri D. Sanjivayya :—" Sir, there are about 100 co-operative societies in Andhradesa alone through which we are supplying yarn but, if my Friend refers to those who are not members of the co-operative societies, I cannot help."

Sri T. Viswanatham :—" Sir, may I ask the Government whether it is not their responsibility to help the fishermen whether they are members of co-operative societies or not and whether they have under contemplation any scheme with regard to those who are not able to join these societies for lack of finance? "

The Hon. Sri D. Sanjivayya :—" Sir, I invite my hon. Friend for a discussion on this subject and, if he is able to suggest some methods, we will willingly adopt them if they are feasible."

Sri T. Viswanatham :—" May I ask, Sir, whether representations have not been received from the fishermen at Waltair that they are not able to join the co-operative societies for want of funds and whether the Government have considered any scheme of distribution to help them? "

The Hon. Sri D. Sanjivayya :—Sir, the only point for consideration in this connexion is that if the Government contribute or give money to these fishermen towards their share capital, they will become irresponsible and it would be to the detriment of the co-operative society itself."

Sri T. Viswanatham :—" May I ask, Sir, the Hon. Minister to realize that it is a matter of life and death to the fishermen, that it is not the theory and practice of co-operation that matters and that it is the responsibility of Government to see that these fishermen who are pursuing their hereditary occupation are supplied with yarn or in the alternative to see that the controls are removed and the fishermen are given absolute freedom to purchase the yarn wherever they like? "

The Hon. Sri D. Sanjivayya :—" Sir, while realizing the present difficulty that the fishermen are facing, we cannot at the same time shut our eyes to the principles of co-operation also."